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Celebrating Elementary School Grads: Special Section Inside

Award-winning piece a statement on climate change

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

When Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 9 art student Taylor Horsley won the secondary school poster contest Combat Climate Crisis Project, she felt a mix of emotions ranging from surprise to excitement.

"There was a lot going around with Australia and it was burning, so that was the main idea of my work and I wanted to put the tragedy of what was going on there to portray that," she said.

Taylor won with her two dimensional mixed-media piece of a set of lungs, created from a collection of magazine clippings showing various plants, set against varying shades of green in the left lung, and then a repeat of that imagine across the top half of the right lung, with the bottom half depicting a wall of fire and mixture of browns and shades of sand. The statement "The trees are our lungs, we can't breathe without them," featured predominantly on the piece.

Taylor, who was taking a Grade 10 arts class when she won, received an individual art kit.

Also part of the contest, a tree was planted at the back entrance of the school by the music class. An accompanying plaque with Taylor's name engraved will be installed in the autumn.

The success related to winning the District 18 Retired Teachers Ontario Project contest has given her inspiration to pursue other arts media for other creations such as sculpture and collages/mixed media. Before this effort, she had focused

solely on drawing and painting.

The contest, which was open to any high school student enrolled in an art class, was designed to raise community awareness of the urgent need for action, as stated in the contest outline. The contest included 20 entries. There was also \$100 awarded to each participating art department's high school.

Taylor's teacher and the high school's art department head Karen Gervais wrote in an email that "we approached it from more of a fine arts perspective rather than a poster, which is what we did."

The context of the project that the students were working from, Gervais wrote, was they were studying the role of art as activism and were invited to select a subject of interest to inform and persuade others to take action about a specific issue. Some of the students' work has been displayed on the school's website.

Gervais wrote, "Taylor made creative use of the shape of the lungs, which also resembles the shape of leaves to draw attention to our interdependence with nature. She made creative use of colour and contrast to show the impact of climate changes and increase in forest fires and the devastation that results. I also like her use of recycled materials in the creation of this work as the paper itself is a product of trees and reminds us that we can all help to reduce, reuse and recycle."

Principal Chris Boulay and vice-principal Jennifer Mills were invited to select the winner from HHSS, Gervais said.

"This message was very clear and different than the rest and the use of different mediums was great," Mills said.

As part of the contest, the students were

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Congratulations to 2021 grads

Skye Lambshead was among the 113 students to graduate from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School last Tuesday, June 29. Different from past years, the ceremony was held outside during the afternoon and early evening, with students given dedicated times to arrive, make their graduating walk and be handed their diploma. Principal Chris Boulay and Vice Principal Jennifer Mills, alongside several other members of school staff, were on hand to congratulate the graduates. For more see Page 16. /MIKE BAKER Staff.

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Thomas family turns tragedy into inspiring story of perseverance

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Former Wilberforce resident Bob Thomas has had to live through every parent's worst nightmare. Now, he's using the pain and suffering brought on by the tragic loss of a child as fuel to push his province-wide ROCKRIDE fundraiser forward.

The ROCK, or Ride 4 Our Cancer Kids as it is otherwise known, is now entering its 18th year. The annual event raises money for Childhood Cancer Canada, which works with 17 children's hospitals nationwide to help kids who have been diagnosed with cancer.

Since the ROCK's inaugural event in 2004, it has raised more than \$500,000.

As Thomas reflected on the overwhelming success of the ride in a recent interview with the *Echo*, he looked back on the tremendous loss that precipitated it.

"This ride is really a memorial for my daughter, Samantha. She passed away three days before her third birthday, on May 18, 2003," Thomas said. "She was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic lymphoma in September 2002. She had a tumour the size of a grapefruit in her chest..."

After spending months visiting different hospitals – first Victoria Hospital in London, ON and, later, SickKids in Toronto – Thomas and his family, a wife and two other children, were given hope. After several rounds of chemotherapy, and a successful bone marrow transplant, in December 2002 it looked like Samantha was in the clear.

Then, with her immune system still recovering, she contracted a deadly respiratory syncytial virus [RSV]. Samantha was placed in a medically induced coma and put on a respirator. She would pass away a few days later.

Thomas remembers absolutely everything about that day. He and his wife were staying at the Ronald McDonald House close to SickKids when they got the emergency call at 4 a.m.

"My heart... I just remember sprinting over to the hospital, going up in the elevator. When we got there, there were lights flashing above Samantha's room, and doctors and nurses running around... Four hours later, we were driving back home with an empty car seat," Thomas said. "On that drive home, I was just thinking 'why? Why is this happening? How can something like this happen?'"

He continued, "I suppose that motivated me and inspired me to do something, to try and make a difference. I've been organizing these rides ever since."



Bob Thomas is proud of all that he has achieved in the 18 years since he launched ROCKRIDE, a fundraiser for Childhood Cancer Canada. This year, he's reconnecting with his roots and bringing the event to the Highlands. /SUBMITTED PHOTO

The first event, which took place in Sarnia, raised \$13,000. A year later, that amount doubled to \$26,000. Today, ROCKRIDE typically brings in anywhere between \$35,000 and \$40,000.

That's particularly impressive when you consider that the ride, in typical years, takes place over the course of a single day and tends to draw around 100 participants. The event has evolved, and moved, over the years, with rides taking place in Sarnia, Cambridge and Niagara Falls.

The 2021 ride will be the first in over two years, with Thomas forced to cancel his 2020 event due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While it was touch and go for a while whether he would be able to host an event this year, he came up with a new format that not only ensured the ROCK would move forward, but allowed Thomas to return to his roots in the Highlands.

"I couldn't plan for our normal event this year, because I didn't want to be in a similar position to last year, when I had to cancel. So I came up with something a little different, something that hopefully means even more people will take part this year," Thomas said.

This year, ROCKRIDE will take place in three different communities – Sarnia, Niagara Falls and Haliburton County. Rather than taking place on a single day, it will run for two months – from June 4 to July 26 – and will involve participants visiting different landmarks within their chosen community.

"We're doing a ROCK tour this year. Rather than having everyone going out together in a large group, we're

encouraging individuals or families to go out on their own," Thomas said. "We've identified different landmarks that people can take selfies in front of... It's nice for us to open up the event to Haliburton [County], as all of the nice roads in Ontario are up there in the Highlands, and in cottage country. Having friends in the area, and with people always visiting, it made sense to us to launch a north region this year."

Included on the list of local landmarks to visit is the tank out front of the Haliburton Legion on Mountain Street, and the plane and train located on the grounds of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

For every selfie an individual takes in front of a landmark [limited to one per landmark] they can fill out a ballot online to be in with a chance of winning a grand prize – \$1,000 in gas cards. An additional ballot is given to registered riders for every \$25 they raise in pledges.

Thomas hopes this year's event will raise around \$30,000. As of press time, he was more than half way there, with over \$15,000 already brought in.

"I'm very proud of what we have been able to accomplish with the ROCK. To take something so negative, something that, frankly, almost took me out, and then use that as the fuel to power us to keep going and make something positive out of it, I'm very proud of that," Thomas said. "My family and I have weathered this thing together. The ROCK is our mission. It's our purpose."

To learn more, or to register for the 2021 ROCKRIDE, visit www.rockride.com.

Haliburton Sculpture Forest offering free tours over the summer

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Guided tours will be offered free of charge at the Haliburton Sculpture Forest all summer long.

Every Tuesday in July and August, visitors will have the chance to learn about all that the Sculpture Forest offers on a two-hour complete tour of the site. Tours will take place from 10 a.m. to noon, and will begin at the kiosk in the Fleming College parking lot.

"Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather, as tours are held rain or shine," said Youkie Stagg, Haliburton Sculpture Forest outreach coordinator. "Tours are free, but donations are greatly appreciated."

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, the maximum number of visitors per tour will be 10 people, so Stagg advises those interested in participating should arrive early to reserve their spot.

The Haliburton Sculpture Forest is home to 38 outdoor sculptures and six unique sculptural benches created by

Indigenous, international and Canadian artists.

As well as offering complete tours on Tuesdays, the Sculpture Forest will also be providing a curator's selection tour every Wednesday, until Aug. 28.

"Join us for a 40-minute lunch hour tour, starting at 12:10 p.m. Tours will only cover a few sculptures selected by the curator [Jim Blake]," Stagg said.

The Sculpture Forest has a few COVID-19 safety guidelines in place that it asks all visitors to follow – if arriving by car, you are asked to park a few metres away from other vehicles. On the trails, keep two metres (six feet) apart from other visitors, and wear a mask in any situation where you are unable to stay two metres apart, or when passing other walkers. While dogs are welcome, they must be kept on a leash at all times.

Stagg noted that small group tours can be booked for any time over the summer and throughout the year at yoursoutdoors.ca.

More information on the Haliburton Sculpture Forest can be found at haliburtonsculptureforest.ca.

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County concerned about misuse of Crown land

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Staff Reporter

Haliburton County council is attempting to open a dialogue with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry about the ongoing inappropriate use of Crown land within the county's borders.

Councillors received a memo from Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt during a June 23 online meeting.

"The comments that are contained in the report to council, they're a fraction of what I'm sure we've all heard off and on over many years, and many are anecdotal," Moffatt told her colleagues. "There is definitely a change in attitude these days ... and if we don't make it clear what kind of community we want to have and then work toward it, we could end up with the wild west."

Ongoing issues near Livingston Lake in Algonquin Highlands include a pit that is being used for camping and target shooting. The use of firearms is particularly problematic since there are residences, concealed by vegetation, close by.

Moffatt's memo referenced other areas, such as a piece of Crown land on the west side of Boshkung Lake, into which ATV trails have been cut.

"To be crystal clear, this is not an anti-firearm or anti-ATV issue ... This is more an issue of compatible uses and appropriate stewardship," she said.

There have been similar issues within the Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park, part of which is located within the southern portion of the Township of Minden Hills. Issues there have also included the use of firearms close to private residences, causing concerns for

safety.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said he thought it was time for a wider plan to deal with the ongoing misuse of various pieces of public property.

"Basically, I've reached a boiling point with individuals using public lands, whether they're federal, provincial, municipal, disrespectfully, and that they're interfering with the enjoyment of private property," Devolin said. "I think if we don't do something substantial, and this is maybe a really good first piece, I think is going to eat us up, and we're not going to like what it does to our community."

Minden Hills council has been dealing with complaints stemming from use of public access to Gull Lake, located at the end of Murdoch. There, trees have been cut down, residents have constructed a road on public property, and adjacent property owners have reported people urinating and defecating on the property.

Highlands East Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall said he supported Moffatt's request, noting similar problems within his municipality.

"I had people complain to me last year or the year before," Ryall said. "First off, they had committed a crime by cutting a small trail into a marshy area, the sweet spot for moose, and so they did that. And then they had the audacity to complain after the fact that a bunch of ATVs came in and tore up the whole area and turned it into a mud bog. So, like, where does it all go?"

Moffatt and Devolin will attempt to facilitate a conversation with the MNRF through its Bancroft and Parry Sound district offices, addressing uses on pieces of Crown land that have been proven to be problematic.



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Paths of creativity forged in Barnum Creek logo design process for student

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Leaving an impression on the world is what many artists look to achieve.

When Colleen Petric, a Grade 10 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student from the Carnarvon area, was chosen by her teacher to help create a logo for the Barnum Creek Reserve, she welcomed the opportunity.

It would be her first logo and another creation to add to her growing portfolio of work for school and for future ambitions. She said it enabled her to grow as a designer and as an artist.

In acknowledging the legacy associated with popularized logos in the public sphere, she appreciated that idea.

"I'm just very thankful that I got this opportunity ...," she said.

Under the stewardship of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, the Reserve and its several hundreds of acres was made possible by the donation of the Dobrzensky family. Since it officially opened this past autumn with an official opening ceremony with local politicians, members and executive of the Land Trust and the Dobrzensky family that included Leopoldina (now passed) and daughter Margaret, it has become one of the most popular destinations for area residents and visitors looking to embrace nature, whether for a hike, a bike ride or snowshoe adventure close to Haliburton.

Colleen worked with the Land Trust's Barnum Creek Nature Reserve working group to design the Reserve's logo, which is a circle with a black outline, containing a black coniferous tree set on the right against white, located on a green hill with



a blue creek, representing Barnum Creek going from left to right, and in the upper left of the circle are the words Barnum Creek Nature Reserve set against white. The working group set out parameters and provided the arts student with background and advice on the design. She started with a rendering in her sketchbook and then took her design, transferring it to her digital workspace and used the free app, Sketchpad.io. It took her close to 20 hours over the course of two



Above, the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve logo designed by Colleen Petric.

Left, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 10 student Colleen Petric, who designed the Barnum Creek Reserve logo, is warmed by the afternoon light, breaking through the canopy of the woods at the Reserve. /DARREN LUM Staff

months to complete.

The working group chose to select a student, believing it would be a great opportunity for a local youth.

"We thought of the art students at the high school. It would be a great way to raise awareness to Barnum to the students because eventually I think, once we're allowed, we'd like to get students involved at Barnum in some capacity," working group member Rosie Kadwell said.

Kadwell, who said she loved what Col-

leen did, said the logo has been well-received.

She contacted HHSS teacher and art department head Karen Gervais for help with the selection.

Colleen said her teacher, who had just taught her in Grade 11 open level painting after teaching her in Grade 9 and 10 visual arts courses, selected her for her artistic skills and her connection to nature.

Gervais described her student as someone who "puts 110 per cent into everything she undertakes."

She continued, "For a young artist, she makes sophisticated use of the creative process and thoroughly experiments with design possibilities. She shows a strong capacity for self-reflection and awareness of strengths in her work and areas she still needs to revise and push. Colleen is also very receptive to constructive feedback and embraces criticism. She shows a lot of professionalism here and realizes the importance of this in the design process - especially when collaborating with a group or organization."

Gervais said she has worked with Colleen towards designing a certificate and promotional materials for the high school's Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion training program, as well as creating an illustrated visual to support a new phonics program being published by the Trillium Lakelands School District School Board next fall.

The Grade 10 student, who would welcome another logo opportunity if it came up, acknowledges that she underestimated the amount of work that was required to create a logo, including not just the creative aspect, but the give and take related to communicating with the working group.

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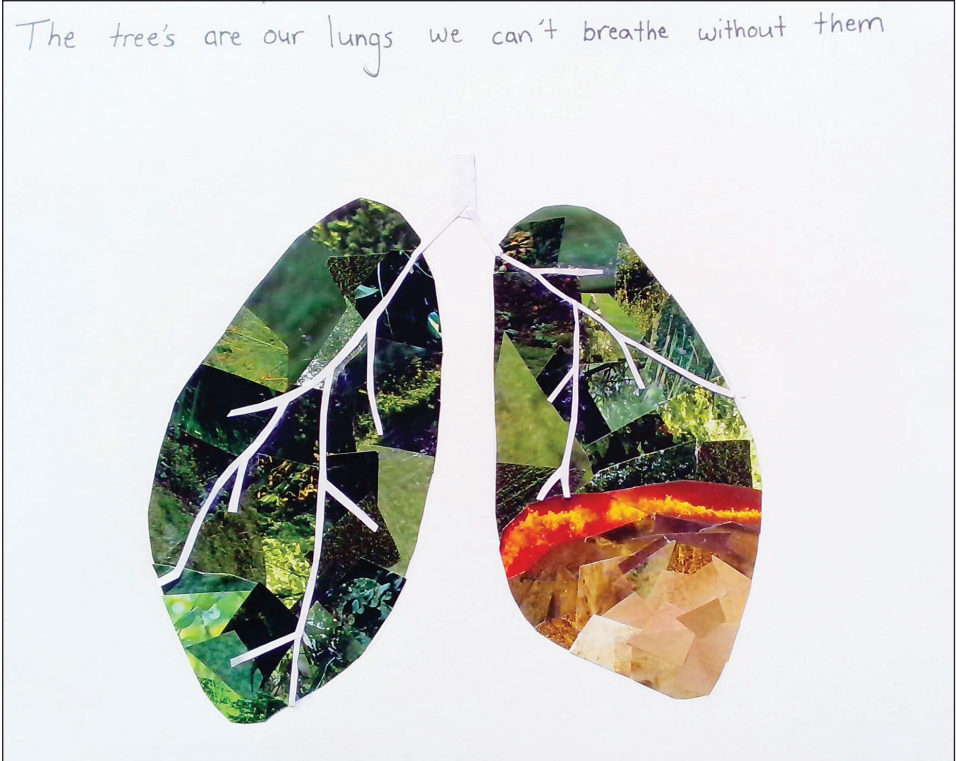
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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 9 student Taylor Horsley, crouches in front of the tree she won, as part of the Combat Climate Crisis Project, with her teacher Karen Gervais, pictured in the distance on Sunday, June 10 at the school in Haliburton. Organized by the District 18 Retired Teachers Ontario, this project was open to art students from Grades 9 to 12 at the school and was designed to raise community awareness of the urgent need for action, as stated in the contest outline. /DARREN LUM Staff



Taylor Horsley's mixed-media work, which was chosen as the school's winner of the Combat Climate Crisis Project.

Global climate crisis front-of-mind for HHSS student

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asked to describe their work, provide background information about the topic and why it is important.

From Taylor's prepared statement, she said her work is about deforestation in the world.

"Every day more than 200,000 acres of forest are burned, that's around 78 million acres a year. This can lead to climate change and increased greenhouse gases. This topic is important because trees are

our source of oxygen, so by destroying them we're endangering ourselves as well," she wrote.

The students were also asked about how they attempted to visually communicate their message, to discuss symbols, media choices, colours, and the use of elements and principles of design.

"I communicated this by making the lungs trees and the right lung being burned by fire. I chose to do lungs because it represents how we breathe. By incorporated trees it relates to the earth

and how without either of them we die. I also included a sentence at the top of the page relating to the issue," she wrote.

Taylor welcomed the opportunity to be part of an effort in combating the global climate crisis because she loves the outdoors.

"It can be elegant. It can be ... there is just a variety of things you can see in the outdoors. I think it was a bit tragic and hard to see that it's not thriving very well," she said.

Being more climate-aware has also made Taylor adjust her shopping habits.

She cited how many products contain palm oil, which was part of the growing demand for agricultural spaces and has been behind the destruction of parts of the Amazon Rainforest in Brazil.

"I didn't realize how much we use it in day-to-day life, so it kind of made me think ... even though it's useful and how we use it all the time, that it would be very hard to change it," she said.

Gone with the Wind

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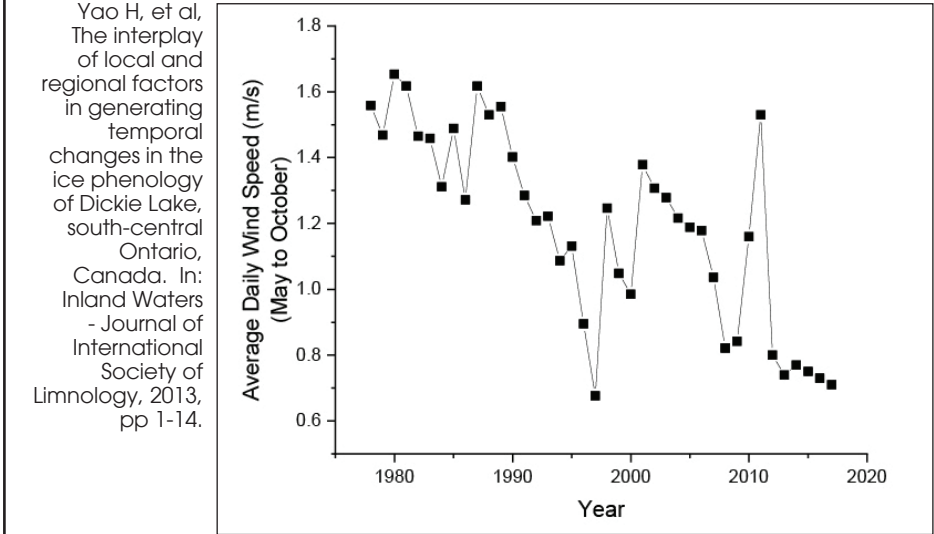
In data provided by Dr. Huaxia Yao from the Dorset Environmental Science Centre, wind speeds measured near Dorset now average about 0.75 m/s from May to October, only half what they were 40 years ago. This is good news for sun-bathers and swimmers, but perhaps not so good for sailors.

Lake scientists are keenly interested in how falling wind speeds might change how our lakes work. It could mean different things for different lakes. The surface mixed layer of lakes might actually be warmer but not as deep given less wind-induced mixing. In these lakes, the deeper cool layers

will be thicker and retain their oxygen longer. More cool oxygenated water is good for trout. On the other hand, in other lakes, warmer surface waters might delay fall overturn, increasing the risk of losses of deep-water oxygen. This would be bad for fish and would increase the risk of fall algal blooms. Indeed, both of these patterns have been documented in different lakes.

We have entered a time when climate change is affecting our lakes in new and sometimes surprising ways. We need to pay attention as we continue to journey through these less predictable times.

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A class to be proud of

CONGRATULATIONS are in order. Last Tuesday, June 29, I had the pleasure of attending Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's 2021 graduation ceremony, where 113 students joined, spiritually, in celebration as they marked the culmination of their high school journey.

Throughout the day, groups of students arrived at the school, each taking their turn to make the symbolic walk, collect their diploma and take pictures with family.

It was certainly refreshing to see so many happy faces. Considering all that these students have had to endure, and everything they've been put through over the past 18 months, it would have been understandable if there was a less-than-joyous atmosphere on the day.

Think about it for a minute, this year's graduating class have had almost their entire year snatched away from them. There have been no sports activities, no extracurriculars, no field trips. Students who were able to attend school in-person for a few weeks in the fall and early winter were explicitly told not to gather in groups, effectively breaking up social and friend circles. There was no prom, and, finally, there was no huge to-do over their graduation.

Rather than having hundreds of people gathered together inside the school's gymnasium to celebrate the class' collective achievement, graduation was held in the

parking lot. Students were asked to remain socially distanced as they took turns walking down a decorated pathway to a gazebo to greet principal Chris Boulay and vice principal Jennifer Mills. They then moved quickly in a loop to receive their diploma, collect a class sweater and then leave. A virtual ceremony was held later in the evening.

It was definitely efficient, and HHSS staff, notably Boulay and Mills, did an excellent job of recognizing each individual student

and making them feel suitably special on their most special of days. Still, I couldn't help but feel for the kids. Their senior year – for many of them, the last with friends they have quite literally grown up with – their prom, now their graduation... All casualties to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It's a credit to the students that, despite a year of constant upheaval, they took it all in their stride and were still able to enjoy their watered down graduation.

And with that said, there is plenty to be positive about. Many of them are moving on to bigger and better things, whether that be an engaging post-secondary program, a thought-provoking apprenticeship or an exciting new career. They have a brand new blank canvas to fill as they prepare to take the next steps in their life.

So, ladies and gentlemen, please join me in putting your hands together for the HHSS graduating class of 2021!



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Editorial



Dandelion sunset.

by Darren Lum

Dr. Loretta

IN THE SUMMER of 2012 the Highlands Summer Festival, under the Directorship of Scott Denton, created a piece of theatre called *Early Stages*.

Seven young women, and one young man from our community made up the cast. The show was devised by Scott and it told the story of the history of education for women.

Jenee Gowing was hired as the choreographer and worked with the cast as the story was told through dance, music and storytelling. It was my daughter's first experience with the summer festival and she was almost 12 years old at the time.

Scott, Jenee and the cast met every Saturday and Sunday for three months to create the play. I remember them working really hard, and being pushed to their edge of being creative in their movement and in the way they told their stories. It was a totally new experience for these young people to create something from nothing.

I can remember them being uncomfortable at times, frustrated, tired and uncertain. And at the same time excited to be creating something original and to be learning about women and the challenges that they have faced in terms of getting an education.

The show was performed three times and I watched them all. I laughed, got teared up and learned a lot.

The show had a series of short pieces that highlighted different times in history and what education and life was like for women

at that time. It began in the Stone Ages and ended in current time.

At the end of the show each of the young actors walked out onto the front of the stage and announced a goal they had, or what they wanted to do with their life. I vividly remember Loretta Kerr stepping onto the stage, looking with confidence out into the audience and announcing that she was going to study Arts and Science at McMaster that fall. She was

so excited. I don't remember if she said she wanted to be a dentist, but I think we all knew that she did.

Last week I had a cavity that needed to be filled and Loretta was my dentist for the first time. When she came in to meet me I smiled to myself and thought "she is the dentist who dances her way through her work."

She was as light-

hearted, friendly, full of life and interesting today as she was nine years ago when I watched her in *Within Reach*. We chit chatted for a bit and she got to work. She loves her work. She comes from generations of caring dentists.

It is always so exciting to run into graduates from our high school and hear about the adventures, work, education and lives that they are living and composing. There are so many positive stories like this one.

Thanks to all our educators once again for all that you do to teach our young people. This year has been an especially challenging one, and you all deserve a great summer offline!

Tales from
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points of view

Down in front

IF I WERE writing a how-to book on canoe trips, the first chapter would be titled, "Make sure you get the back seat."

There are standard reasons for this: you always have something to break your fall when you go over waterfalls, and you have a person between you and a surprised cow moose and her calf.

But the most important reason is that, from your position in the back seat, you get to watch the person in front paddle. Equally important: that person does not get to see what you are up to – which, if you are doing things right, is not paddling.

I know this seems wrong, but someone has to enjoy the trip. I learned this many years ago from my uncle, who always had me sit in the front seat. One day, after a particularly tiring paddle against a hard wind, we hit shore – and that's when I noticed his paddle was completely dry.

"You never paddled once, did you?" I asked.

He replied, "Not once."

Between ducking my canoe paddle swings, he explained that he had just taught me everything I ever needed to know about canoe trips. And he was right.

Since then, I have put this vital outdoors skill to good use. In fact, I have refined it.

My first innovation was in ensuring you get the back seat. In the old days, this meant always canoeing with a lighter person. For the lightest person always sits up front.

Unfortunately, there are times when you cannot find a person lighter than you.

A lot of amateurs would give up at that point and resign themselves to sitting up front and paddling.

Not me. I have discovered, if you quietly slip a big stone in the front of the canoe, you can create the illusion of being surprisingly heavier. Then, when you hit the water and the bow is ploughing, you suggest that, as the heavy one, you ought to sit in the back.

After that, when you beach to switch seats, you need to quietly remove that rock by creating a distraction with a sentence like, "Is that a beaver?"

This also provides cover for the splash when you remove the rock.

Of course, you can't rest on your laurels immediately after acquiring the back seat.

Instead, you have to create the illusion of effort so the other person thinks they are not doing this alone.

The best way is to use your paddle to throw water on your paddling partner's back. I know this takes a bit of effort but believe me, it is worth it. For it is usually enough to convince the other person that you are trying, perhaps even a bit too hard.

Also, every 10 to 15 minutes it helps to say, "Would you mind paddling for a second while I take a quick break to rest my shoulders?" But instead of doing that, use your paddle to create drag, so the person feels like they are pulling a heavier load paddling solo.

That way, they'll appreciate your lack of effort even more.

Take a minute to enjoy this before saying, "All right, I'm ready to paddle again."

And then splash their back before resting your paddle across the gunnels.

It also helps to complain about and critique your partner's paddling efforts. That way they really dig in and don't dare look back. And they never hear your snoring when they are swearing.

The point is, if you do it right, you'll have an enjoyable canoeing experience.

My next chapter, by the way, would be called, "Portaging injuries anyone can fake."

I'm working on that now, but writing is not easy when you have a sprained ankle.



steve
galea

Loon Tales



pic of the past

This photo of the family homestead formerly of the Lochlin/Ingoldsby area and long since destroyed was brought in by Grant McCracken. We're always looking for "new" pics of the past, so if you have an old photo you'd like to share, bring it to the office or share it with mike@haliburtonpress.com

letters to the editor

Look closer to home

To the Editor,

They were 96 good people trying to make a better world.

At this time in our history, perhaps a more appropriate theme would be - Around Canada in 18 Holes, with each hole providing information on a First Nations Community still under a "Boil

Water" Directive.

I sincerely hope the Water Ambassadors will look closer to home and help clean up our own backyard.

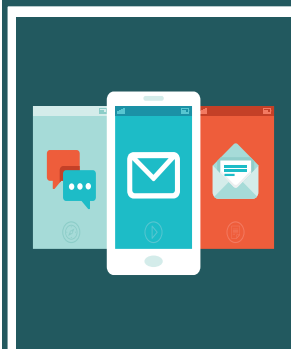
Margaret Giles
Algonquin Highlands

COVID-19 Contacts, Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths by County

County	Current Cases Not Resolved	Current High Risk Contacts	Current Probable Cases	Confirmed Cases (Total to date)	Confirmed Cases Resolved (Total to Date)	Hospitalizations (Total to date)	Confirmed Deaths (Total to date)	Probable Deaths (Total to date)
Haliburton	0	0	0	122	121	3	1	0
Kawartha Lakes	12	23	1	1,097	1,040	46	45	13
Northumberland	2	3	0	946	927	32	17	0
Total***	14	33	1	2,165	2,088	81	63	13

No cases in Haliburton County

As of Monday, July 5 there are no active cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County. There are also no high-risk contacts, and no probable cases in the area. There are currently 12 unresolved cases of COVID-19 in the Kawartha Lakes, including six new confirmed cases on Monday. There are two unresolved cases in Northumberland County, with one of those new as of Monday.



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Recent HoF inductee A.J. LaRue was a community giant

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Every house needs a strong foundation to stand the test of time and Haliburton was set on the right path by Albert John "Ab" LaRue, one of three people, who are going into the Haliburton Highlands Hall of Fame as a builder.

Ab was a key figure for the town when it comes to being a model citizen for others to emulate.

He was an entrepreneur, school board trustee, boy scout leader, active member of the Masonic Lodge, angler and sportsman. His service for the community was far reaching. He helped broaden the lives of thousands of boys to reach their potential in sport and life.

He was a coach, mentor, manager and owner, and was the catalyst behind bringing a modern hockey arena with artificial ice to town in 1965, which has become the focal point for the community, hosting community events, skating carnivals and thousands of hockey games, including one NHL exhibition game.

He was also known for his generous spirit, ensuring players without the means to have their own got hockey equipment to play, or a loan for a vehicle to get around. There was always an effort by Ab to ensure that the youth of the community didn't go without and that they were given opportunities to excel just like those from urban areas.

LaRue's son Scotty said his father, who died in 1987 wasn't an exuberant man, but believes he would have appreciated the acknowledgement of his efforts with the induction.

"I think he would have got a lot of satisfaction that he was nominated to go into the Hall of Fame. I think he would be proud and would really appreciate the fact that people did finally respect and appreciated the amount of work he did in the community and the amount time he spent," he said.

Ab served as a chairman of the Dysart Community Centre Board, was the owner/president of the Haliburton Huskies Ontario Hockey Association Jr. D team from 1965 to 1982, a coach/manager for Haliburton Huskies Minor Hockey from 1940 to 1975, an executive for the Glen Dart Hockey Tournament, a coach/manager for Haliburton Minor Softball from 1950 to 1970, and was long associated with organizations such as the Masonic Lodge Haliburton and the Haliburton District School Board.

LaRue's son thinks out of all the achievements, his father would have considered the building of the arena, which was re-named the A.J. LaRue Arena with a ceremony that drew a crowd in 2013, and bringing the OHA Huskies Junior D team that competed in the Central Ontario Junior D League at the top of the list.

Part of the drive for these endeavours were related to how much Ab wanted to help.

Being a truant officer for the school board, it gave him insight about the importance of education and how engaging the youth was critical for future prospects.

From Janet Trull's story for the *Echo* published on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 titled 'Who was A.J. LaRue' "Albert lived on Wallings Road, right on Head Lake. In the winter, he made it a habit to shovel off a rink in front of his house so his own young lad, Scotty, could shoot a few pucks in to the net. Like bees to honey, the kids started showing up with skates and sticks. As Albert watched them practicing their slap shots, he realized



The original Glen Dart Hockey Tournament Committee members from left, Joe Iles, Fred Neiman, Ron Curry, A.J. LaRue and Berkley Feir. LaRue is one of three builders being inducted to the Haliburton Highlands Hall of Fame this year, including 15 other inductees, who are being recognized as a singular athlete or as part of a team. /Submitted by Scotty LaRue

how important it was for kids to have a positive way to channel their energy. A sport like hockey kept them active and out of trouble. They were learning life lessons; setting goals, improving physical skills, developing strategies, and working as part of a team."

Scotty described the old arena, the Haliburton Community Centre as a tin shack with natural ice, which meant wood stoves were needed to heat the dressing room, there was a lack of plumbing for running water and working toilets, ice wasn't even available to skate on until Christmas Day and then would be gone after a couple of months.

"I remember it would get so cold in there the ice would crack. There would be big cracks all the way down the ice. A lot of times your toes would freeze and kids were crying because their toes were cold," he said.

Scotty said his dad, who was known to be tough, but fair, acted as foreman and fundraiser for the arena.

"He hired the construction guys. He did a lot of work to try and find somebody that had knowledge of building these arenas at that time. He found somebody and got them to build it," he said.

The budget for the new arena build was \$130,000 at that time.

"The town, the men lined up to pour the concrete for the floor," he said.

At this time, Scotty said he was playing hockey in France and didn't see the results of his father's efforts until he returned home after the season.

Once the arena was built, his dad moved towards convincing the OHA to bring a junior hockey team to town.

Part of the plan already included transportation for the season, as he owned a bus company.

Despite Scotty's initial thoughts that it wasn't going to work, his father wasn't dissuaded.

"I said, 'Well, I'll do my best to round up some players and so on. First of all we got to go to the OHA and get a franchise.' We had a hard time to get a franchise. We had to have meetings with the OHA and all the other teams in the league that we would join. They were all against Haliburton having a team because it was too far to go all the time," he said. "Well, they never thought that we had [a chance to convince them]. Our closest team was Bobcaygeon and that was 45 miles. After that we were in Lindsay and we were in Bradford. We were in Newmarket. We played in a mixed league – half junior C and half junior D. We got the team together. We never even had the ice finished. For our first practices we had to take our buses down to Bobcaygeon to practice in. Then we got the ice in the arena and at the first game we were surprised ourselves with the fact that we had a little team, but a vicious team. They wanted to win and we ended up making the playoffs that year. No one was ever expecting that to happen."

He remembers that, during his pitch, he promised the OHA that Haliburton would always have the largest crowd in the whole league, they would make the playoffs and every game would start on time.

"We would have the best event that they had in the whole league. And we did. From then on it was a suc-

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Wilberforce Elementary School Gr. 8 Graduates

Hello classmates and families,

It is my pleasure to speak on your behalf for this, our Grade 8 graduation ceremony. For those of you who don't know me, I am Zakary Pastor. I would like to thank-you all for sharing this with us. I know it's not ideal, but we will still make memories today that my classmates and I will hold on to for a long time.

As you know Wilberforce is a very small school. This has its advantages, like more ice cream each, and it's disadvantages, like rain always cancelling gym class. One of the advantages is I can speak to each or my fellow grads individually. To Shay, I thank you for all the laughs. To Stephanie I thank-you for the funny stories and keeping Mr. Findeis on his toes. To Anna I thank you for your quiet kindness and quick wit. To Olivia, I thank-you for your kindness and all the memories, and to Micheal I thank you for always being there to help, with tech and pretty much anything else. And Bailey you suck, you left me half way through the year.

To Mr. Findeis thank you for being my teacher for the last three years, and molding everyone into the wonderful people we have become. These past years would not have been the same without all of you.

As a group, we sure have had some experiences. One, however, always seems to have been consistent, and that is how

weird Mr. Findeis is. The best example I can think of is his overwhelming love for his magnets, or Pablo, the mean parrot.

They say it takes a village to raise a child, and I think the village of Wilberforce ES proves this. I would like to thank Mrs. Pergolas, Mr. Jessup, Ms. Nottage, Mr. Findeis, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Fournier, Mrs. Higgins, Mr. Plumb, and our families, who are always there for us, and, last of all, all the graduates!

Thank-you to Mrs. Metcalfe for the opening slide show, and Mrs. Fournier, Mrs. Davies, and Mr. Brohman for their words of encouragement and wisdom.

We have all heard "It's okay to not know but it's not okay to not try," once or twice by now. I always thought Mr. Findeis always just used this as a way to get us to do some work but, upon thinking about this while writing this speech, I think it holds true for a lot of our lives as well. Elementary school took us a long time to get through but now we are off to bigger and better things, I know that all of you have what you'll need to make the world a better place. Have a great summer and I can't wait to see what high school and the future holds for all of us!

Here is to a better 2021/2022. Good luck, and most of all, have fun in high school.

*All the best,
Zak
Valedictorian*



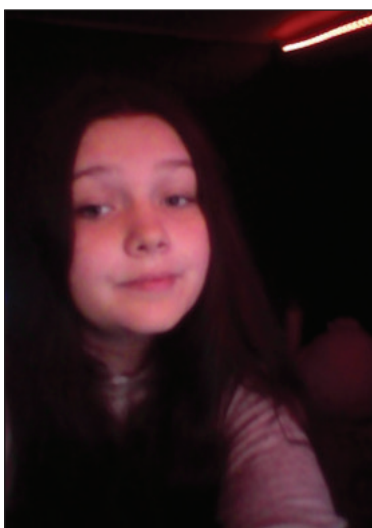
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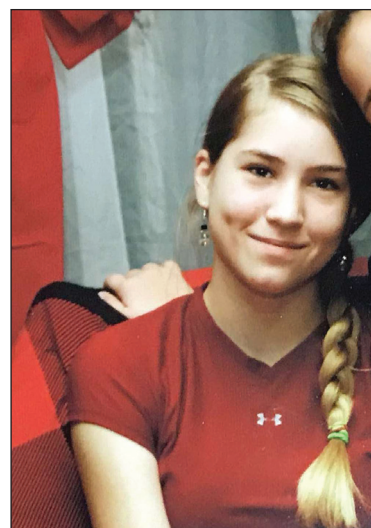
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Congratulations to all the students from all of us.

Hello, Grade 8 graduates, and congratulations.

It is my pleasure to have this opportunity to offer you a brief address as you meet this important milestone in your educational journey. You have faced many challenges and many changes over the years and now you are coming to a very important transition as you move on to high school.

For some of you, I have known you since junior kindergarten and for others just a few short months but what I do know is that each and every one of you has great potential to do whatever it is that you hope and wish to do in the future.

I want to offer you a small bit of advice. I have a small poster in my office and the poster says, "our greatest glory is not in never failing but in rising every time we fall." These words of wisdom are not

my own. They come from a very famous ancient Chinese philosopher and what this means is that we are always going to stumble and fall and have challenges and face things that are difficult. For some of you this may happen as you move on to high school but remember when we face things that are difficult and challenging and we overcome these things, and we rise up from this fall, this is our greatest glory! I have this quote in my office because it reminds me of that each and every day, and I want to remind you of that as you move on.

It has been an honour and a privilege to have been a part of your educational journey all of these years and I wish you all the very best as you move forward into high school.

*Elaine Fournier
Principal*

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J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Gr. 8 Graduates

Graduates, families and friends,

It has been my privilege to serve you as your Principal of JD Hodgson Elementary School this year.

First and foremost, congratulations, Class of 2021. We are so proud of all you have accomplished and persevered through.

I know that this is likely not the grade 8 year or graduation that you imagined it might be. It's ok to be disappointed if you are. I also wish we could celebrate differently together, and there are many things about this pandemic that are just not fair.

Unfairness and injustice have been brought to light in many places throughout this pandemic. But we have also seen courageous and brave people confront this injustice too, including here at JDH!

Many of you, despite needing to stay in cohorts and maintain physical distance, found ways to be leaders and make this school a great place for others. Whether it was Erica and Sierra running Battle of the Books, or Annabelle organizing Spirit Days, Colby shovelling sidewalks and entrance ways, or Magnum sporting a Chester Cheetah outfit on those spirit days, your character and citizenship could not be masked.

And in February, during Black History Month, when you saw injustice in the exclusion of Lesley Tashlin and Taly Williams from the Arena Wall and wrote to Town Council and campaigned for change and for what you believed was right, you led this whole town and showed us the way to what's right. Because of this, and things I've seen and

heard from all our graduates this year, I am hopeful about our future and excited to see what change you'll bring next as you move "down the hill" to HHSS.

Can you believe, grads, that it was 10 years ago you started this journey in kindergarten. Think of all you have learned and all you have accomplished in this time. So while tonight, the spotlight is on you, it is also important to be humble and grateful. So take a moment to reflect on those ten years, and reflect on those that have made a difference for you. I encourage you to think about how you might express your gratitude for their influence and inspiration -- some of those people may not even know the difference they have made on your lives.

Grade 8 graduation is a rite of passage, marking a time when we formally leave one stage of life and enter into another. In our culture, grade 8 graduation is often regarded as the end of childhood and beginning of adolescence, when our youth take a significant step towards adulthood. This is certainly something to celebrate, and so, we hope that wherever you are, whoever you are with, that you are celebrating today.

We hope that you enjoy this ceremony that our staff have worked hard on for you, and we hope to see you tomorrow when you come to JDH to receive your diploma and awards, take some pictures, so we can celebrate a little bit in person too.

Congratulations once again, grads! You've earned it.

*David Waito
Principal*



Anabel Acero



Lauren Ackerblade



Braiden Bailey



Kaeden Barnett



Annabelle Borgdorff



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Skye MacArthur

Fellow students , teacher and staff.

First thing I would like to congratulate all of the graduates. I know this is probably not what you imagined for your Grade 8 grad. But don't let that bring you down. You all have worked so hard to get here, there may have been some times where you never thought you would get here but you did.

Secondly, I would like to thank the staff at JDH. I have had many people help me throughout the years at JDH. You are all part of the reason that I am here today, and I thank all the teachers that I have had in the past five years. You all played a role in my time at JDH. You have all taught me to be respectful , kind and accepting . That's what I think being a Jaguar is.

Personally I can't believe that we are already graduating from Grade 8 . It feels like we were just in kindergarten yesterday playing and learning the alpha-



J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School student Teagan Hamilton, who is ready for the next chapter of her education, is this year's valedictorian. /DARREN LUM Staff

bet and colours and playing with toys. These last 10 years have all taught us something. That nothing always stays the same, there are always things that will change and we have to learn to adapt to the changes and keep moving forward. For example, we had to adapt to many changes this year that we never thought that we would have to, but these changes taught us new lessons and skills that could help us in the future.

There are so many great memories that I had at JDH. I really didn't start thinking about them until recently. I remember the fun memories that we had before the pandemic. One of those memories really popped back into my head. It was the last day of school before the world went into lockdown. We had this beach party in the gym at school, during the middle block. Everyone looked like they were having lots of fun. People were wearing their summer clothes even though it

was still cold out cause it was March. There were people playing volleyball, and some people were dancing to the music that was playing. It feels like the last normal day before The Pandemic.

This past year has been one like no other. We have all lost something to this pandemic. But we have made it so far we can make it to the end. We may have not had the last year of elementary school look the way that we thought it would look but we still managed to have fun while still following all the safety measures.

Once again I would like to finally congratulate all the Grade 8s - you made it. You are going to high school next year, and we have all worked hard to get here. I still find it hard to believe that we are going to high school next year. I don't know about you but it's just another change that we will have to adapt to.

Teagan Hamilton
Valedictorian



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Gr. 8 Graduate Awards and Recipients

Academic Excellence

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Cheyenne Degeer
Teagan Hamilton

Outstanding Distinction

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Sierra Moore
Parker Pietryszyn

Citizenship

Jackson Titus
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Beckam Reynolds

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Annabelle Borgdorff
Colby Coumbs

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Braiden Bailey
Isaac Lee
Nathan Morrison

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Téa Yates
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Annabelle Borgdorff
Paytra Mylan-Goulet

Media Arts

Parker Pietryszyn
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Lauren Ackerblade

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Parker Pietryszyn
Rylan Keller

Gracie Griffith
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Addison St Cyr

Science

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Sierra Moore
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Colby Coumbs

Dance

Teagan Hamilton
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Skye MacArthur

Core French

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Hannah Sharp

Best wishes to all the graduates of 2021!

I extend my congratulations to all 2021 graduates for reaching today's milestone.

It was definitely uncharted water for you, your teachers and your parents, however you earned your diploma - it's YOURS and no one can take it away ---feel proud.

Thank you to all the parents I know. Each graduate has a special story to tell about how important your support has been in getting them to this time of graduation. Thanks to all the teachers, support staff and the leadership of school administration for providing you with the academic tools and guidance to ensure your success.

Graduates, I want you to remember that perseverance, resilience, tenacity and always a glimmer of hope got you through the last 12 to 16 months. Now is the

time to "Play It Forward," and use what you learned to the best of your advantage. There are many red lights in our lives, the pandemic being the biggest in our lifetime. How we handle red lights when everything stops is a true test of our character. I learned from a great coach, Lou Holtz at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend Indiana: "It's not the load you are carrying that breaks you down, it's your attitude on how you carry it." Graduates, it is now a green light - step on the gas and "Play it Forward."

Graduates, stay positive find joy and never give up on hope. I ask you to dream more than others think is practical, to expect more than others think is possible, to work harder than the person next to you and believe

there is no "extra in the extra mile."

I remind all of you to give thanks to those who gave you their unconditional love everyday. Make sure gratitude becomes a habit you practice for a lifetime -- it will keep you grounded because we all have so much to be grateful for.

Graduates, life is precious, live it to the fullest. Be generous, be caring, speak kindly.

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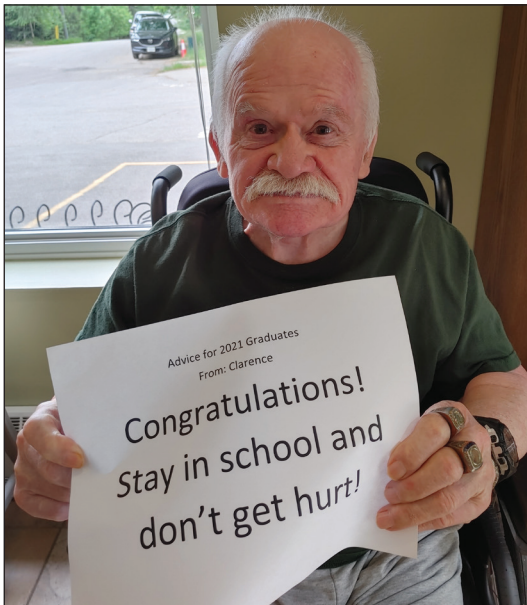
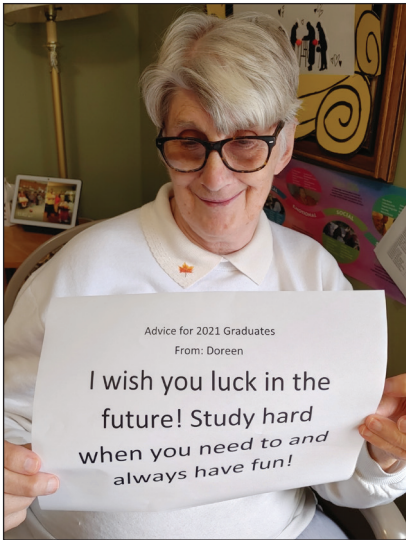
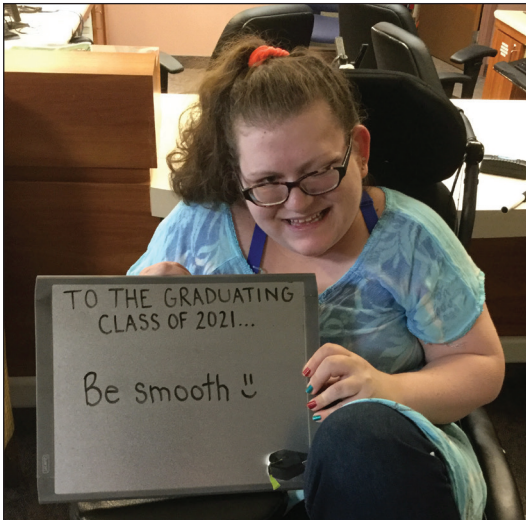
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A day for celebration

Aidan McAllister gives two thumbs up as he celebrates his graduation from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School alongside principal Chris Boulay and vice principal Jennifer Mills. /MIKE BAKER Staff



As well as receiving her high school diploma during HHSS' graduation ceremony last Tuesday, June 29, Megan Klose was also awarded the Governor General's Award for Community Service.



Haliburton resident Ryan Mee was one of 113 students to graduate from HHSS last Tuesday, June 29.



From left, graduates Sydney Little, Daniella Meraw and Alexius Mills were all smiles at last week's ceremony. Meraw was announced as the 2021 class recipient of the Governor General's Bronze Medal for Academic Excellence.

Emma James, from West Guilford, strikes a smile as her mother struggles to keep her emotions in check.

Check out next week's edition of the Haliburton Echo, where we will have a special graduation section dedicated to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's and the AAEC's 2021 graduates.



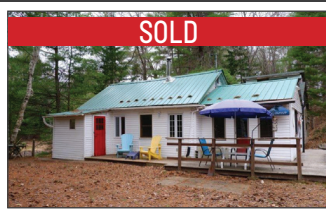
Principal Chris Boulay offers his congratulations to Haliburton's Tyler McGovern.



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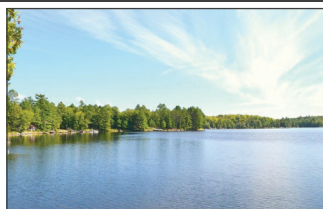


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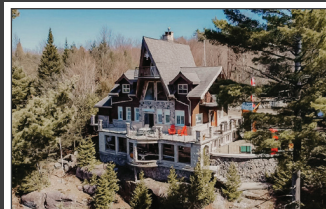
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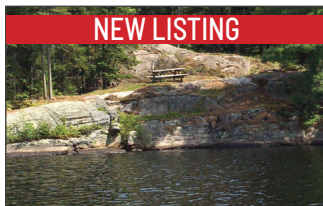


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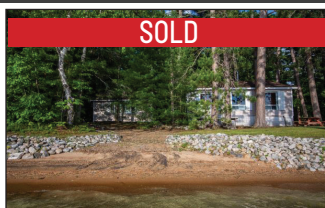


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- 147 ft waterfront, 1 acre of land
- 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath plus lakeside bunkie
- Sandy, child-friendly shoreline
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- Classic cottage on the water's edge
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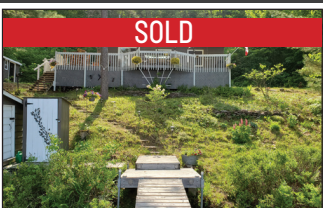


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NEW LISTING

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- 140 feet of shoreline, great privacy.
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Black Lake \$329,000

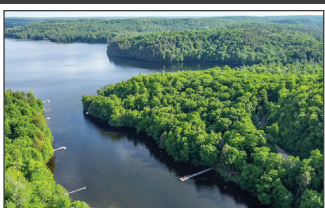
- 3 season ctg, 100' waterfront
- 2 bedroom, 3pc bath, bunkie
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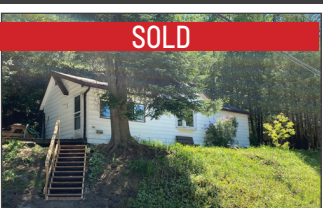
- 350 ft frontage on 4.12 acres
- Gently sloping perfect for W/O bsmt
- Shallow sandy waterfront & deep off the dock



Karen Nimigon**
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Miskwabi Lk access \$649,000

- 4 season chalet, 3 bdrm, 1 bath
- Open concept kit/DR/LR
- Private, includes abutting lot
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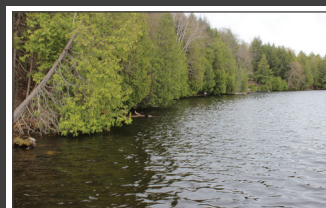


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Logo project first of its kind for local artist

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The collaboration is something that worked well, Kadwell said.

"She was very efficient. Obviously her artwork is great and conversing back and forth by email she'd respond right away. She came up with a draft and I presented

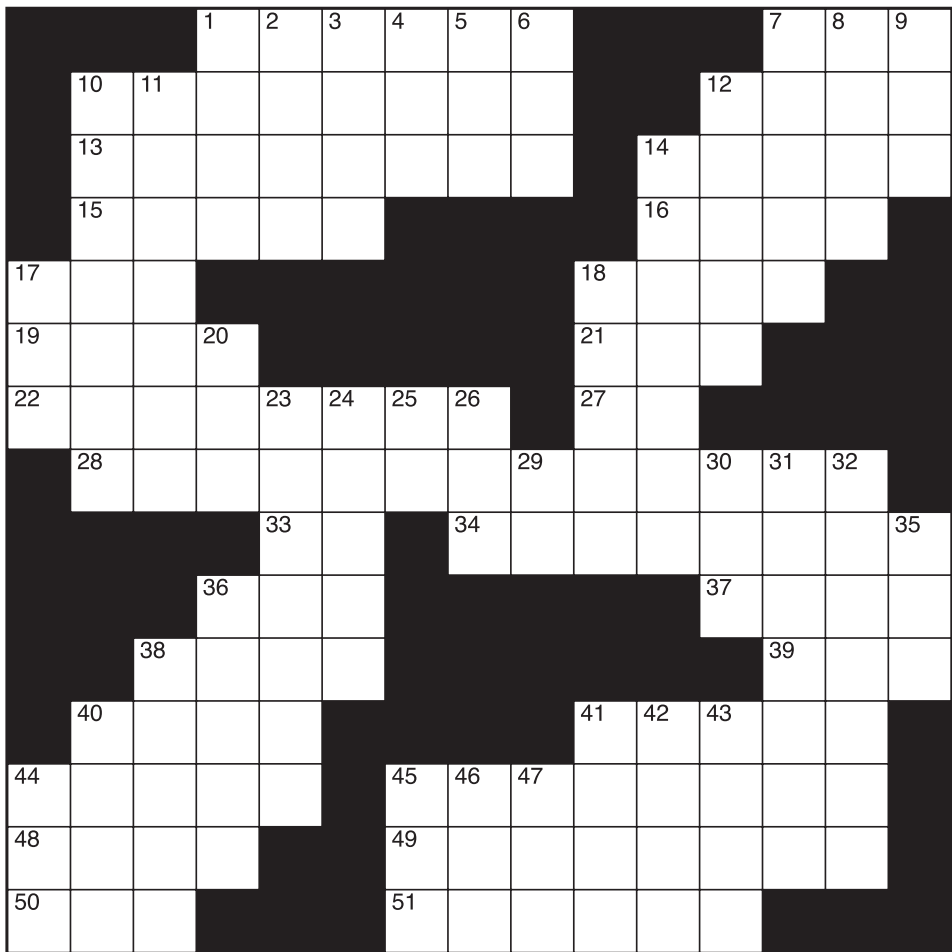
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- CLUES ACROSS**

 - 1. Nature expedition
 - 7. Take the energy from
 - 10. Bungled
 - 12. Young salmon
 - 13. Botanical gardens
 - 14. Source of chocolate
 - 15. Country singer LeAnn
 - 16. Yokel
 - 17. Unit of energy
 - 18. Plant of the lily family
 - 19. Tusked wild pig
 - 21. Form of 'to be'
 - 22. Formerly
 - 27. Letter of the Greek alphabet
 - 28. Former First Lady
 - 33. News organization
 - 34. Shining brightly and intermittently
 - 36. Brew
 - 37. Teams' best pitchers
 - 38. Edible fruit
 - 39. Pitching stat
 - 40. ___ or bust
 - 41. Baby product manufacturer
 - 44. Monetary unit of Finland
 - 45. Small spherical
- CLUES DOWN**

 - 1. Nuclear undersea weapon
 - 2. Helps the skin
 - 3. Evergreen coniferous trees
 - 4. Relieve of employment
 - 5. A way to drench
 - 6. Journalist Tarbell
 - 7. ___ and Venzetti
 - 8. Alcoholic liquor
 - 9. An athlete who plays for pay
 - 10. Where to get drinks
 - 11. Japanese art form
 - 12. Baseball great Satchel
 - 14. Winged angelic beings
 - 17. One point south of due east
 - 18. Group of islands in Polynesia
 - 20. A place to play: ___ center
 - 23. Masses of gray matter in the brain
 - 24. Belgian city (alt. sp.)
 - 25. Millilitre
 - 26. Beloved Will Ferrell film
 - 29. Railway above ground
 - 30. Satisfaction
 - 31. Aggregate of molecules
 - 32. Type of barometer
 - 35. Type of college teacher (abbr.)
 - 36. Long periods of time
 - 38. Native people of Nebraska and S. Dakota
 - 40. Deliver
 - 41. Thin, narrow piece of wood
 - 42. Modern Israel founder
 - 43. Small NY college
 - 44. Pounds per square inch
 - 45. Veterans battle-ground
 - 46. Hollywood talent agency (abbr.)
 - 47. Popular kids' channel
- structures in cells**

 - 48. Pouches
 - 49. Reached
 - 50. Investment account
 - 51. Oft-repeated slogan

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it to the working group and of course provided some feedback and then was able to take our feedback and tweak it and come up with the logo we have today," she said.

Having spent years on various committees developing logos, Kadwell said they can take the longest due to the back-and-forth that is required during the process, but with this it was streamlined and quick.

Colleen adds from the original design there wasn't too much that changed except for the colours. There was a blue sky instead of the white and the type face was different. The colour change, she said, was to ensure the creek element would stand out more with white. Her favourite part of the logo is the tree because of its details. She adds the circular shape is representative of the sun and contrasts with the rectangular shape of the Land Trust logo. She adds the colour green in the logo represented nature and the inclusion of the coniferous tree is indicative of what is at the reserve, she said.

Kadwell said the working group wanted a logo that was memorable and simple, which was related to how it can be in colour or converted to black and white. The logo can be used for road signs, brochures and for promoting events at the property, and is helpful when applying for grants, Kadwell adds. Another key element for the logo was that the creek had to be represented.

Before the work began, Kadwell provided Colleen with the history of Bar-num Creek, an electronic file of the Bar-num Creek Reserve brochure, and tips related to designing a logo, including the elements for what the Land Trust wanted, which was a simple design, with few words. Also, she encouraged Colleen to visit the Reserve to gain a sense of the place.

Colleen said she was left with a sense of appreciation and wonder after her visit. It inspired her in her efforts to create the

logo. It made her think of how the Land Trust was entrusted with the stewardship of the Barnum Creek Reserve, which is located a few kilometres from Haliburton, accessed from Gould Crossing Road off of County Road 1.

"I thought it was very thoughtful of Leopoldina and Margaret to donate the land. It's just a really great property and it was a really good experience," she said, referencing her first visit.

A few weeks ago she got to see an image of her logo on a road sign for the first time and said seeing her hard work up on the road sign on County Road 1 was pretty surreal.

The Grade 10 student said the design of the logo has the additional benefit of being able to direct the public to the Bar-num Creek Reserve, including young people like her.

The property is a beautiful place and ties in with her appreciation for the natural world.

"It's always played a huge role in my life, living out in the country and I just like nature," she said.

She adds she moved up here from Kitchener when she was three years old with her family, who has embraced country life, composting and using the lumber on the property to heat their home.

Her advice to designers embarking on creating a logo is to pay attention to colour and the little details, such as the size of elements, which make a significant difference to a viewer. With the logo, she said the tree is an example that reminds her of this, and that the placement of a line has significance.

Gervais said Colleen's potential is unlimited.

"Not only are Colleen's artistic skills, creativity and design sense very strong, but her passion, ambition and commitment to personal growth and helping others will serve her well on whatever path she follows in life!" she wrote.



Business as (un)usual

A shopper looks at paddles in the newly re-opened Algonquin Outfitters, who were part of some businesses opening their doors to in-store shopping during the first day of Ontario's Step 2 reopening on Wednesday, June 30 in Haliburton. The province had planned to move to Step 2 on July 2, but because of declining case counts and hospitalizations related to COVID-19, the government moved the date up. Step 2 includes permitted outdoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 25 people, indoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to five people, essential and other select retail permitted at 50 per cent capacity, non-essential retail permitted at 25 per cent capacity./DARREN LUM Staff

HHHS extends strategic plan, discusses 'year of the pandemic' at AGM

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Haliburton Highlands Health Services has adopted a new one-year strategic plan as the organization prepares for life after the COVID-19 pandemic.

The plan includes four priority areas – advancing community partnerships, investing in the hospital's people, building the organization's capacity to thrive, and transforming the local health service experience.

Carolyn Plummer, HHHS president and CEO, informed those who attended the hospital's virtual AGM on Thursday, June 24 that, over the past 12 months, the health care provider has partnered with several organizations across the region to implement or advance a wealth of community programs. Chief amongst those was the creation of the COVID-19 Assessment Centre, which opened in April 2020. The Assessment Centre, which is still in operation today, was a joint initiative led by HHHS, the County of Haliburton, the Haliburton Family Medical Centre and the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team.

Looking to the future, the organization will continue to work with the Peterborough Regional Health Centre and other health care partners to participate in a "hub and spoke" model for infection prevention and control support for long-term care homes.

Plummer mentioned HHHS has recruited more than 100 new members of staff over the past fiscal year – April 2020 to April 2021.

HHHS' strategic plan was set to expire this year. Given all that has been done organizationally over the past 16 months to withstand and respond to the pandemic, Plummer thought it would be prudent to continue with that work for at least another year.

"Looking ahead, the board is very aware that this uncertainty and operational pressures created by the pandemic may extend into 2022 and 2023, and the plan may possibly need to be extended again until a more comprehensive process can occur," Plummer said. "As we look forward to the future... we're still faced with an incredible amount of uncertainty about what lies ahead, and what changes we can expect. There are still many unknowns, still mountains to climb and races to run."

New initiatives

Plummer said there were "several exciting initiatives" on the horizon for HHHS over the next year.

"We will be improving our information system implementation, continuing our Ontario Health Team journey with other health service providers in the county, and, of course, supporting our team and the community through the pandemic recovery," Plummer said. "The year is already off to a successful start... with the implementation of a virtual primary care clinic using our telemedicine suite to support residents of Haliburton County who do not have a local primary care provider."

HHHS is also working towards the implementation of a new clinical information software called Epic. The program will improve the organization's ability to seamlessly access and transfer digital medical records, and will be going live in December.

Some of the highlights of the new system include: single digit records for each patient across seven participating hospitals; patient access to health information through a patient portal called MyChart; timely access to information such as test results and other medical information; and improvements to patient safety.

Hospital services

Although the hospital did see a reduction in visits to the emergency department over the past year – a common theme amongst most hospitals in the province – Plummer says staff were still "very busy," with around 18,000 visits and 4,000 patients seen over the past 12 months.

In diagnostic imaging, the hospital completed over 10,000 tests, including x-rays, ultrasounds, electrocardiography tests and bone density tests.

Another positive statistic – Plummer noted that around 80 per cent of the hospital's staff were now fully vaccinated.

Team recognition

"Perseverance, tenacity, courage and resilience. These powerful words reflect our team over the past year," Plummer said.

Dealing with the constant stress and pressure brought on by the pandemic has taken its toll on hospital staff, Plummer noted. The entire team, she says, has stepped

up to the plate and gone above and beyond in ensuring visitors to the hospital were safely and properly cared for, no matter the circumstance.

"Our team has run many short races and continues to do so. They have stayed the course, providing excellent care and service despite all of the challenges," Plummer said. "We're all looking forward to that day when the pandemic ends, however also know that our team is fatigued. The pandemic has taken its toll on their mental and physical wellbeing, and the descent from that peak holds its own challenges."

HHHS Foundation

Lisa Tompkins, executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, said that, in spite of a difficult fundraising year with the pandemic, the organization was still able to transfer just over \$464,000 to our local hospitals to support much-needed programming and equipment purchases that aren't covered by the province.

That money was used to purchase a new digital x-ray, an emergency room stretcher, and covered numerous COVID-19 related capacity upgrades, such as new beds, a ceiling lift, hand-washing stations and an automatic medication dispensing unit. The money also supported community programs such as the Senior's Gift-a-Meal program, Medically-required Transportation pro-

gram, and technology including smart phones and tablets to improve connectivity for mental health programs, and new iPads for long-term care residents, so they could keep connected with family and friends.

The end is near

Dr. Steve Ferracuti, interim co-chief of staff at HHHS, said that, fortunately, over the past 12 months COVID-19 did not hit our community as badly as many feared it would. He noted that, since the onset of the pandemic last March, there had been only three COVID-19 positive patients admitted to the Haliburton and Minden hospitals, while just 23 emergency patients were confirmed as being COVID positive.

Given the encouraging signs province-wide right now, with record lows in new daily case counts, and thousands of people being vaccinated every day, Ferracuti expressed his hope that the end is near.

"We hope that the pandemic is behind us. We do know that we cannot completely let our guard down. For most of the world's population, this is not over, and we have not been unaffected," Ferracuti said. "My thanks go out to all of our staff for their tireless work over the past year... It has been a crazy and exhausting year for all of us. We look forward to getting back to some sense of normalcy soon."



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Scotty LaRue proud of the legacy his father build in Haliburton

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cess," he said, referencing the inaugural 1965-1966 season.

Four years later, the Huskies had a season no one will forget.

During the 1970-1971 season the team won the Ontario championship, which made his father proud. The entire town seemed to be at every game, selling out home games and even travelling for play-off games during the championship run. The win set in motion a night of legendary celebrations that are still talked about, with a smile and a snicker, to this day.

Scotty said he has always been proud of his father and hoped he would be recognized with an induction.

"I would have been pretty upset, if he hadn't gone in, but he certainly deserved it. I was always proud of him and the way he worked and the way he enjoyed mixing up with kids. I don't know how many kids he loaned money to to buy their first car. If he [asked] a kid, 'Are you playing hockey this year?' Well, no, Ab, I can't. I don't have equipment.' He would scrounge equipment all over town to make sure that kid got equipment," he said. "I was really proud of him as a father and as a man, who was so well-respected by the rest of the people and for the hard work he did for kids."

Scotty wasn't sure where his father got the drive to help come from, but knows he was deeply affected by the circumstances

of the death of his own father, Charlie at his sawmill on Cranberry Lake, located between West Guilford and Eagle Lake. It was something his father never talked about. He only learned about the tragedy from his mother and grandmother.

"He got killed at his own sawmill. It was an awful scene. His coat got caught in a roller and whipped him around. My dad was there and couple of my uncles. My dad carried him out of the mill and he shut the mill down and never went back to the mill. He paid off his dad's debts over the years. He paid everything that was owed and he never spoke about that to me all my life. My mother, my grandmother are the people that told me about that. He wasn't involved too much in that. I think he had a little softball team in West Guilford. I don't know. When he got back into Haliburton he seemed to get involved into sports. He did and he did it in a pretty big way," he said.

There were softball teams in Haliburton, West Guilford, Minden and Wilberforce. He coached softball for years.

LaRue is one of three inductees for the builder category, joining Lenny Salvatori and Linda J. Brandon.

It's probably not a coincidence that Salvatori spent considerable time working and living with Ab.

His son, Scotty remembers how his mother would often get upset about not getting the help she needed at the restaurant during baseball season.

Scotty wasn't sure about whether the community would have been the same without his father and Lenny.

"I don't know if anybody would have taken his ambition as seriously as him. I'm sure there was going to be like Lenny Salvatori for instance ... he lived with us for 10 years. Lenny got that from him and they played ball together and so on and so forth. They both got involved in hockey. Lenny was the manager of the arena one year, the old arena. He would flood the ice with a hose and that got kind of thing," he said. "He seemed to take it over from my dad. Dad started the boy scouts and was scout leader. Then Lenny was a cub leader and they seemed to feed off each other. They ran the restaurant. My mother used to get pretty mad at them because they were playing ball while she was working."

It was when Lenny was in high school that he lived with the LaRues, which was also when he drove the school bus as a 15-year-old. He lived with Scotty's family for 10 years until he was married.

Scotty laments how there is less involvement by young adults now.

"I don't think we're getting the participation in people showing the interest. The younger generation here I don't think are willing to stick their neck out and get involved in sports and so on like they used to," he said.

He adds there are younger people who will donate money to causes, but the community needs people to do more by giving their time and sharing their expertise.

Scotty believes there is hope that the Hall of Fame could inspire others to emu-

late the efforts of Ab and Lenny.

"If they're interested in sports, I'm pretty sure they're going to be very interested in finding out how, and who were athletes in this town. A lot of people, myself included, some of these people, I'd never seen them perform. Some of the high school athletes and so on. I think when people see that, when young people see that, I think they'll want to emulate them and maybe they'll get interested in some of the high school sports and sports after high school," he said.

He added when the junior Huskies hockey team was playing it helped to stimulate minor hockey.

"The kids they wanted to get up to the Huskies and make the Huskies hockey team and that went on for quite a few years. And we did end up with a lot of good hockey players coming out of here," he said.

There will be a certain level of satisfaction if the Hall of Fame, which was something that Scotty has been spearheading for the past three years to get going, can inspire a resurgence of community involvement like it was when Ab was alive and active.

"I would be pretty proud if we moved ahead in the community and got back into sports for kids, thinking more about the kids and team sports and so on and starting out fastball in the summer time, there's hockey and so on. I'd just like to see more and more young people get involved with the community and when I think that the Hall of Fame is a start for some influence there. Let's hope so," he said.

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'Room to improve' vaccine coverage in area youth : MOH

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Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit press conference with medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking, held virtually June 30.

Of the 12 to 17-year-olds in the HKPR region, 54.3 per cent have received their first dose of vaccine, while in the 18 to 29-year-old group, 57 per cent have received their first dose of vaccine.

Bocking said there is "certainly still room to improve" vaccine numbers for younger people.

"If you're speaking with family members or colleagues with area youth, talk with them, engage them in conversations about the role of COVID vaccination," said Bocking. "Certainly when we look to the fall, flagging the importance of vaccination in helping us return to activities that we previously enjoyed together, such as organized sports, music events, other kind of media opportunities. I think there's a lot to look forward to and vaccination coverage is going to play an important informing feature as those things start to reopen."

Data from vaccine studies and trials for those younger than 12 will not be released until the fall, likely, Bocking said.

Vaccine rates by county

In Haliburton County, the percentage of people 12-and-up who have received one dose of vaccine is 69.5 per cent, while in City of Kawartha Lakes 71.4 per cent of people have received one dose and in Northumberland County, 64.4 per cent of people have received one dose. The percentage of people 12-and-up who have received two doses is 30 per cent in Haliburton County, 27.6 per cent in City of Kawartha Lakes and 27.8 per cent in Northumberland County.

"What we're finding is that these numbers do fluctuate a little bit from week to week so that there might be one week that one county is one per cent higher or lower, than another county," said Bocking. "We use a number of things when we're looking at allocating vaccine, so

one is certainly uptake and ensuring those clinics that we know fill up very, very quickly that we have enough vaccine flowing to them. We do look at coverage rates by county, so that if there is an area that seems to have lower rates, looking at other opportunities to flow vaccine to that area."

Vaccine roll-out showing a levelling off of first doses

Throughout the entire HKPR region, among the population that is 12 and over, 74.5 per cent of people have received their first dose of vaccine and 30.8 per cent have received two doses of vaccine.

"We have noticed that our numbers for first dose vaccination have started to level off a bit," said Bocking. "We're starting to see from week to week, only very small incremental increases."

She noted that there is no "magic number" the health unit is looking for, given the circulation of variants known and unknown, but that "we would like to see that number as high as possible."

Walk-in clinics with no need for appointments could come to the region, and might increase first-dose vaccine intake.

Epidemiological update

In total, there have been 32 cases of COVID-19 in the HKPR region identified as the delta variant thus far.

In the last 14 days, Bocking said there had been two new hospital admissions – a lower number than in previous weeks. Of the COVID-19 cases identified in the past two weeks, 20 per cent are people under the age of 20. Regarding transmission, 40 per cent of the cases are household contacts, and 36 per cent are from an unknown source of transmission.

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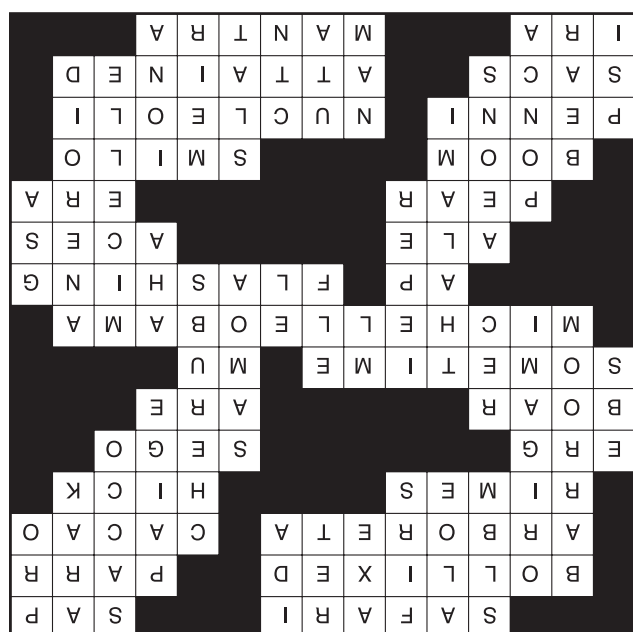
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- TIME: 9:05 am
- LOCATION: TAKE NOTICE THAT THE PUBLIC MEETING FOR ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AS AN ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETING ONLY

Application:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: about this application, including a copy of the draft by-law, is available by contacting Kris Orsan, Senior at korsan@dysartetel.ca.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MATTER INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT APPEAL RIGHTS: Contact the Planning and Land Information Department during regular office hours, Monday to Friday.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 6th day of July, 2021.

Kris Orsan, CPT
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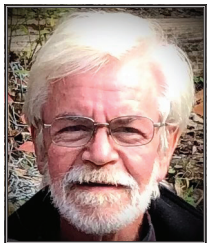
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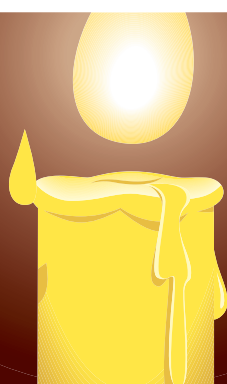
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STORM CLEAN-UP: For a few minutes early Friday morning Wenona Lake cottager Jack Piazza thought his cottage was going to be blown into the lake. When he and his son ventured outside in the morning they found a suspected tornado had downed at least 20 trees on their property, including the one across their driveway he had to cut through.

Hospital projects go to tender

PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

After years of planning and a false start a decade ago, the county has never been closer than it is now to seeing its health-care facilities upgraded in a massive overhaul.

The Ministry of Health has given the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board clearance to tender renovations and expansion work at Haliburton Hospital and Hyland Crest.

Board chair Hugh Nichol announced the development at the board's annual general meeting Thursday evening, just hours after receiving word from the Ministry.

Nichol is predicting construction on projects, estimated to cost approximately \$19-million, will start as early as mid-August.

"For the first time for our board, we are farther than

where they were in the '80s," Nichol told the audience, referring to an earlier attempt at hospital improvements that failed to make it off the drawing

board.

HHHS executive director Foster Loucks called the announcement "terrific news."

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**Lighting
up the skies
over the
Highlands on
Canada Day...**

Fireworks displays will
wrap up a busy slate
of activities this
Wednesday at
West Guilford and
Minden. The shows
begin at dusk



Tornado believed to have ripped through Wenona Lake area

PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

A suspected tornado touched down in the Highlands early Friday morning, tearing down hundreds of trees in the Lake Wenona area, but sparing most homes and cottages from damage.

Thick trees that were snapped in half or uprooted took down phone and power lines, leaving dozens of residents and cottagers in the dark to witness a spectacular lightning show.

"It was pretty scary here at two o'clock in the morning," Lake Wenona cottager Jack Piazza said several hours later, while cleaning up fallen trees on his property. "The wind came up and there was lots of hail. Then I heard this big bang and that was it — the power went out. I figured we were going to end up in the lake last night."

Piazza and his 13-year-old son, Anthony, had arrived at their Wenona Rd. East cottage from Toronto less than three hours before the possible tornado hit.

When daylight broke the pair ventured outside to find at least 20 trees down on their property, including a 20-metre oak beside

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KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE \$1,499,000



Custom-built home overlooking prestigious Kashagawigamog Lake. The big-sky lake views from the main floor are breathtaking! This property checks so many boxes: 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms to comfortably accommodate family and friends. Spacious great room with floor to ceiling windows and a cozy fireplace. Kitchen features solid knotty white oak cabinetry, granite counters and an island cook-top, to appease the most discerning of cooks. Master bedroom with a view, private deck, and hot tub. Walkout lower level to heated in-ground pool. 3 bay garage/workshop and so much more! This stunning spa-like property also features one-half ownership of a west-facing waterfront lot with hard sandy entry to Kashagawigamog Lake.

PERCY LAKE \$889,000



This 4-season beautiful home or cottage is located on a year-round municipal road. Stunning southern exposure. A shallow entry, beautiful sandy beach and deep water off the end of the dock. The sizeable private docking system is the ideal spot to relax and enjoy your summer days. Bright open concept living space finished with hardwood flooring, cathedral ceilings, floor to ceiling windows providing ample natural lighting. Spacious kitchen. Large cedar deck with stunning open water views. Detached double garage for all your storage needs. This desirable turnkey cottage will check all your boxes.

IRONDALE RIVER \$759,000



First time being offered for sale! This beautiful 3-bdrm 1 bath year-round home or cottage. With over 200 feet of frontage and 3.24 acres, this level property provides ample privacy. Sand riverfront shoreline is perfect for swimming. This home was built in 2015 and offers a spacious kitchen finished with wood cabinetry, soft close drawers, ceramic flooring, and a large island. The formal dining room is the perfect size for your family's harvest table. Sunken living room with walkout to the large front deck. The unfinished lower-level waits your finishing touch to create more space for your family.

GLAMOR LAKE \$598,500



This cute 3 season cottage is situated on the water's edge in a quiet bay on Glamor Lake. Bright open concept kitchen, dining and living room finished with pine walls. This property offers 3 spacious bdrms and a 4pc bath. Plenty of room for the whole family to come and enjoy the beauty of Haliburton County. Many recent upgrades completed, including plumbing, windows, shingles, flooring, appliances and more. Beautiful sand beach with deep waters. Swim out and enjoy your very own small island. Bonus – 6.6 acres of your own land to explore.

MAIN STREET REZ \$529,000



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7331 GELERT ROAD \$499,000



Fantastic 3 bdrm, 2 bath family home located in the heart of Haliburton. Perfect for the outdoor enthusiast. Tranquil wooded backyard backs onto the Haliburton Rail Trail. Enjoy walking, four-wheeling, and snowmobiling for year-round enjoyment – head out your back door, just hop on and go! Convenient low-maintenance home. Kitchen features a generous sized island, inside entry to the attached garage, and a walkout to the back deck. Sunroom off the front is a bright and breezy space. Walking distance to schools, shopping, hospital, recreation and Head Lake Park, this is the perfect spot to settle in. This lovely family home is waiting for you.

IRONDALE RIVER \$465,000



Peace and tranquility on 11ac. This beautiful 3-bdrm, 2 bath home is an excellent opportunity for first-time homeowners to enter the market. This home is fully winterized and would also make a fantastic year-round cottage. The beautiful riverfront offers a private sand beach and miles of river for excellent canoeing, swimming, tubing, and kayaking. Bright open concept kitchen and dining area. Listen to the bird's sing from the screened porch. Finished walk-out lower level. Relax and destress after a long day in your very own sauna.

TROOPER LAKE \$349,000



Escape to your cabin in the woods! Traditional 3-bdrm seasonal cottage nestled amongst the trees. The open concept kitchen and living room have tranquil lake views. Cute little bunkie provides extra sleeping space. 100 feet of water frontage with ample privacy. Natural shoreline with deep water off the dock.

CONTAU LAKE ROAD \$329,000



The perfect starter home or weekend retreat! This beautiful park-like setting offers 1.51 acres and a level, open yard. 2-bdrms & 2 baths. Open concept, pine kitchen and living area creates a welcoming space. The main floor also features a 2-pc powder room while the second floor offers two spacious bedrooms and a 4pc bath. Recent upgrades include a new propane furnace, steel roof, and hot water tank. Drilled well and septic. The log building is well built and awaits your finishing touches (flooring needed in living room and bedrooms).

COMMERCIAL - EAST ROAD \$135,000



It's all about the location! This commercial lot is ideally located in the heart of Carnarvon and situated on the corner of Highway 118 and East Road. The property features a charming seasonal building that dates back to the 1800's. There is hydro servicing the building but no water or septic. Tons of storage space in the attached oversized single garage with poured concrete floor. Commercial zoning and great exposure provide endless possibilities for your business.

VACANT LOTS

LITTLE GULL LAKE 0.78AC \$355,000

LOUISE LANE 35+AC \$275,000

STILLS ROAD 1.2AC \$152,500

NORTH BASSHAUNT LAKE 0.8AC \$155,000

NEW LISTING BASSHAUNT LAKE ROAD \$147,500 1.88AC